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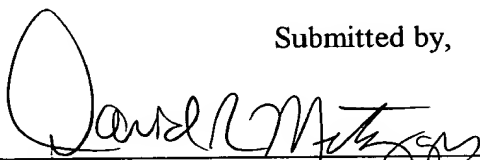
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## II. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above-identified references were cited in Japanese Patent Office Search Report of April 13, 2001 in counterpart PCT/JP01/02356. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith.

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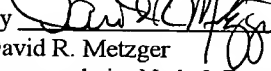
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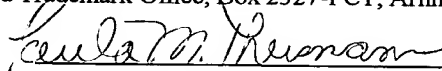
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